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Regina sails again in San Francisco

Lee Bruno (RMcrew '79-'80) poses with his new Regina Tshirt in his hometown of San Francisco, CA. Yes, those are cable car tracks under foot and that's the TransAmerica Pyramid in the distance.

How 'bout the rest of you? Send us your Regina T-shirt Selfies taken anywhere in the world where the Regina would feel at home. We'll share all your pictures here in future issues of the Jolly Boat. Attach your selfies to emails addressed to: **reginamaris1908@gmail.com** Please include a brief note about the photo location.

RM Reunion 2015 Update

Port Townsend, WA

Regina Maris Reunion 2015

Dates: Week of 17 August to 22 August 2015
Location: Port Townsend, WA
Location: Smugglers Cove, San Juan Island, WA

The reunion will take place over 3 consecutive days within the week of 17 to 22 August 2015. Activities will probably include crab/salmon cookouts, a cinema night, a schooner daysail as well as opportunities for sharing and programming on topics that everyone will get to help develop. There will also be a trip by water taxi to Smuggler's cove for a day of whale watching and hanging out Smuggler's Cove, Ken Balcomb's home base for whale research.

Darlene Jackson Marmol (RMcrew '79) and Ken Balcomb (RM crew '76 to '85) have been investigating venues in the Port Townsend WA area. Steve Nelson (RMcrew '79-'80) will be out in Washington 6 Aug to 13 Aug to tour the facility choices in Port Townsend and investigate programming options with Ken, Darlene, and other area Regina crew. If you are in the Seattle area in early August and want to join us for a beer and reunion brainstorming, drop us a line at reginamaris1908@gmail.com.

If you want to check out some of the places and facilities we are currently considering, look at the following websites.

Port Townsend- City and Port

Enjoy Port Townsend Website

Fort Worden - Historic State Park and Conference Grounds

Fort Worden Website

Fort Worden is within walking distance (or a quick cab-ride) of downtown Port Townsend. Available onsite housing includes a range of options from camping, dormitory bunks, and apartments to fully furnished former officer houses. Fort Worden also has meeting rooms ranging in size from small to auditorium-sized.

Rose Theatre and Starlight Room -Cinema

Rose Theatre Website

Located in downtown Port Townsend, the Rose Theatre has a standard movie theatre space as well as a causal viewing space with couches, tables and catered food options.

Smugglers Cove, San Juan Island

San Juan Island Visitors Info

Located near the Lime Kiln Point State Park (the best shore-side Orca watching around) on the west side of San Juan Island, Smugglers

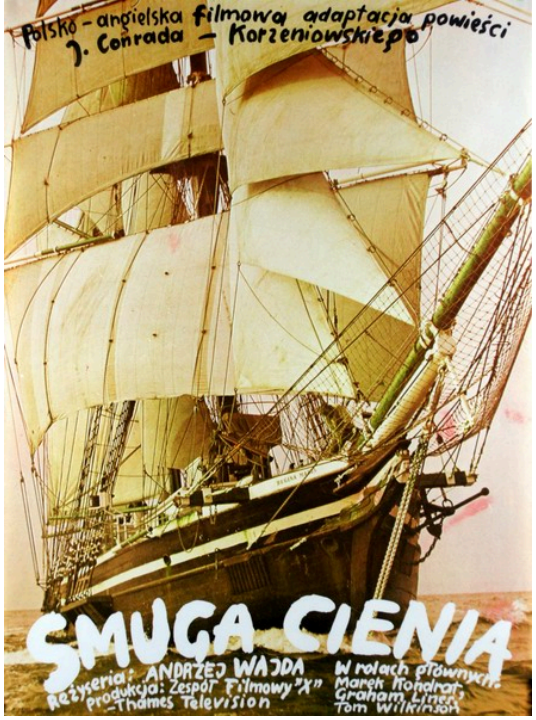
Covehas served as home base for Ken Balcomb and the Center for Whale Research and since 1976.

Regina in the News

Regina Maris - Magdalena Bay Baja Ca 1979 Photo: Ken Balcomb

This photo of Regina appears in the photo section of the new book, *War of the Whales*, by Joshua Horwitz. This book tells the story ORES scientist, Ken Balcomb (RMcrew '76-'85) and his fight to protect from the often lethal effects of US naval Sonar testing. *War of the Whales* was published just this past week (July 1) and can be found in the New Non-fiction area of your favorite local bookstore. It's available online through the Center for Whale Research website Author Joshua Horwitz will be interviewed on the Diane Rehm Show on WAMU and NPR radio on Tues 8 July.

Regina Maris Film Festival at Reunion?



Regina films

-***Shadow Line*** (Smuga Cienia) Willoughby Era

- ***Regina Maris*** (Kanal Lokal documentary) Wilson Era & current

-***Regina Maris*** (Round the World feature documentary) Wilson Era

Regina videos

-***BBC Sailing with Whales*** ORES Era

-***Cosmos Episode 11*** ORES Era

-***Voyage of the Mimi Episode 6a*** ORES Era

One reunion programming idea being considered is to have a cinema showing of one or more Regina films or videos followed by a panel discussion led by RM crew who were there for the filming. Were you aboard during a fliming? Got any good stories?

Regina's Bowsprit - The Whole Tale

Daniel E Spears was Engineer aboard the Regina Maris from 18 June to 4 August 1971 during the Oceanwide Cruises Era. He was on the beach in LA in 1972 when he noticed in the newspaper that the Regina Maris was being towed into San Pedro after a brush with Hurricane

Celeste in August '72 (this Wikipedia citation mentions Regina's damage and rescue). Dan went down to visit the boat and crew in the harbor and managed to save the damaged bowsprit section from the trash when it was replaced during the shipyard period. (The bowsprit had been damaged during the tow when the towing vessel slowed and Regina rammed the towing boat's stern with her bowsprit.)

Fast forward to spring of 2014. Dan had a stroke leaving him unable to talk and needing assistance to get around. Dan's friend, Jerry Barlow discovered the spar under the house and was intrigued with the brass plaque inset into it reading "Bowsprit- Regina Maris - Barkentine". Not knowing anything of Dan's history with Regina, he went online and found reference to Regina on Sam Berliner III's website and contacted him. Sam, who had joined us at last year's Reunion, published pictures of the bowsprit and sent Jerry over to contact the Friends and Crew of Regina Maris Facebook Group. Dan by then had gotten out his Regina Maris papers and scrap book and the picture of both where the bowsprit had come from and Dan's association with Regina became clear.

Just this past week, Darlene Jackson Marmol (RMcrew79) was able to visit with Dan and Jerry down in San Dimas, CA. Dan gave the bowsprit to Darlene as a representative of our group of Regina Alums and she transported it up to Washington State where she'll store it until it can be shared with all of us at the reunion next year.

A final archival note: After years of being stored under Dan's house in a cool damp environment, the bowsprit dried out and started deteriorating quickly during several months of sitting outside the garage in the Southern California heat. The inset brass plaque has fallen out. Hopefully it new home in the cool, damp northwest will stabilize it.

Picture key for "Regina's Bowsprit"

Top left-Dan Spears and Darlene Jackson Marmol

Top right-Dan Spears in Regina shirt w unidentified RM crew member

Bottom Top-brass plaque from bowsprit

Bottom left-Jerry Barlows with bowsprit

Bottom right-Dan Spears with his Regina scrapbook

Diaspora of Artifacts-Where Are They?

The bowsprit episode got me thinking abut the diaspora of Regina artifacts that are spread throughout the world now that the ship is gone. Here's a glimpse at a fraction of the Regina artifacts out there and who is taking care of them. Photos are from the the collections of artifacts brought to and displayed at the 2013 Reunion.

John Kerr collection

Joan Antle-Schmidt collection

Roger Callan collection

Ann Nichols collection

Ann Nichols collection

Bill Barton collection

Surveys for RM Crew on Horizon

"Ahoy, Regina! Can you answer a few questions?"

In order to get a bit more two-way communication happening, we're going to start sending out surveys to get you into the conversation. Survey emails will arrive in your inBox sporting the same email address (reginamaris1908@gmail.com), but will be titled, "Ahoy, Regina! - a Jolly Boat Survey". Emile Amarotico (RMcrew79 cook) has volunteered to bring his survey experience onboard. Thanks, Emile!

In addition to containing a single-topic survey, each 'Ahoy, Regina!" will contain the latest version of the timeline manifest. which is moving from the end of each Jolly Boat.

Regina Manifest & Timeline Relocated

The Regina Maris Manifest and Timeline has gotten too long for inclusion in every Jolly Boat (over 170 former Regina crew listed!) It will now appear after the survey in each Ahoy, Regina! email. We will continue to include the names of new additions to the Manifest & Timeline in each Jolly Boat.

RM Crew who signed up on the Jolly Boat Mailing List since Apr 2014.

- Ken Tompkins (RMcrew '78) ORES Student
- Kathleen Savory (RMcrew '83) ORES deckhand
- Dan Spears (RMcrew '71) Engineer
- Estelle Harris (RMcrew '83) ORES Student

Archived Jolly Boat eNewsletters

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